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## MINUTES.

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OPELIKA, ALA., October 15, 1880.

The thirty-fifth session of the TUSKEGEE ASSOCIATION convened with the Baptist Church at Opelika, Ala., on Friday, October 15, 1880. The preaching of the Introductory Sermon was deferred until 7½ o'clock, P. M., and the Association was called to order at 11 o'clock, A. M., by the Moderator, Eld. F. C. David, by the reading of the 90th Psalm and singing. Introductory prayer by S. A. Goodwin, D. D., of the Centennial Association.

Letters from the Churches being called for, the following Churches were represented. Brethren G. E. Brewer and W. C. Bledsoe, of the Liberty Association, were requested by the Moderator to read the letters, and the following delegates were enrolled as present:

*Opelika*—J. C. Condon, W. E. Hudmon, C. O. Melton, G. A. Taylor, S. E. Milford, W. M. Hopson, G. W. Dawson, A. N. Adams, H. C. Saunders, W. D. Kyle.

*Elam*—Chas. Huguley.

*Rocky Mount*—Jos. C. Phipps.

*Shiloh*—J. P. Arrant, S. Williams.

*Notasulga*—A. G. Simpson.

*Tuskegee*—K. H. Varner, J. M. Hurst, Eld. Z. D. Roby.

*Philadelphia*—W. T. Thompson, Henry Johnson.

*Browneville*—Wm. Wilkins, J. Hamby, Elder W. A. Whipple.

*Friendship*—R. S. Crenshaw.

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### CHARACTER OF A CHRISTIAN.

"Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.—Matt. 5-48. "There was a man in Uz whose name was Job; and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and eschewed evil."—Job 1-1. "Behold an Israelite in deed, in whom is no guile."—Jno. 1, 47. "The law of God is in his heart and none of his steps shall slide.—Ps. 37-31. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them."—Matt. 7-20.

*Auburn*—I. T. Tichenor, D. D., Eld. W. E. Lloyd, Eld. E. Y. Vanhoose.

*Cubahatchee*—Jno. H. Pinkerton.

*Girard*—Eld. C. W. Buck.

*Society Hill*—John Richardson.

*Pleasant Grove*—G. W. Meadors, W. T. Huguley.

*Seale*—B. R. Henry.

*County Line*—Jno. G. Butler, J. E. Lockhart, E. Adams.

*Chewacla*—Jno. C. Payne, J. F. Heard.

*Damascus*—Jas. Fuller.

*Salem*—D. Stringer, E. W. Solomon, D. W. Floyd.

*Liberty*—J. M. Saunders, R. B. Wright.

*Loachapoka*—O. D. Cox.

*Concord (Lee Co.)*—R. A. Tillery, A. S. Harris.

*Mt. Lebanon*—Joseph White, Wiley Gardener.

*Good Hope*—Eld. G. D. Benton.

*Union Grove*—W. H. Hagerman, W. S. Whitman.

*Crawford*—J. W. Grimes, B. F. Watt.

*La Place*—Eld. J. J. Cloud, W. T. Lynch, Wm. Hoden, S. C. Cloud.

*Concord (Macon Co.)*—A. McKee, J. L. Collins.

*Ebenezer*—Not represented.

*Providence*—Jno. C. Jones, C. A. Shell.

Visiting brethren were invited to seats with us.

The Association being organized went into the election of permanent officers for the present session, resulting as follows:

Moderator—Eld. F. C. DAVID.

Clerk—Eld. C. W. BUCK.

Treasurer—G. W. DAWSON.

On motion, adjourned to 2 o'clock, P. M. Prayer by Eld. R. A. J. Cumbee.

#### FRIDAY, 2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Opened evening services by singing. Prayer by S. Henderson, D. D.

Petitionary letters being called for, Providence Church presented letters asking admittance into the Association. The letters being read, and delegates examined as to doctrine and

#### YOUR LIFE FOR JESUS.

"Ye are not your own, for ye are bought with a price, therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which is God's."—1 Cor., 6-20. "Whether we live therefore or die, we are the Lord's."—Rom. 14-8. "And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus."—Col. 3-17. "Ye are the light of the world." "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in Heaven."—Matt. 5-14-16.

faith, the hand of fellowship and welcome was extended by the Moderator to the delegates present—Brethren Jones and Shell, (see list of delegates)—and the church enrolled on the list of members.

Correspondence being called for, the following named brethren were received as representing their respective Associations:

*Columbus, Ga.*—C. R. McCrary, H. S. Estes.

*Centennial*—Eld. S. A. Goodwin, D. D., Eld. J. O. Hixon.

*Tallapoosa*—J. M. Berry.

*Liberty*—Elders R. A. J. Cumbee, J. F. Bledsoe, G. E. Brewer, W. C. Bledsoe, C. S. Johnson, W. H. Bedell, D. S. Duffee, and Brothers G. M. Shealey, J. P. Seroger, W. R. Dawson, G. W. Shelton, Y. W. Ellington, J. T. Hester, W. D. Buckalew, Jas. Jester, John Huguley, J. J. Adams.

*Coosa River*—Eld. Samuel Henderson.

Representatives to corresponding bodies were appointed as follows:

*Liberty*—C. W. Buck, I. T. Tichenor, W. E. Lloyd, Z. D. Roby, O. D. Cox, B. F. Riley, G. W. Dawson.

*Tallapoosa River*—A. G. Simpson.

*Eufaula*—P. Y. Vanhoose, C. W. Buck.

*Centennial*—J. J. Cloud, W. B. Lynch.

*Columbus, Ga.*—G. D. Benton, W. T. Huguley, A. G. Simpson, Jos. Phipps, E. Adams.

*Coosa River*—Eld. I. T. Tichenor, D. D.

*Auburn (colored)*—Elders J. J. Cloud, C. W. Buck, G. D. Benton, Z. D. Roby, E. Y. Vanhoose.

*State Convention*—Elders G. D. Benton, Z. D. Roby, I. T. Tichenor, F. C. David, C. W. Buck, W. E. Lloyd, E. Y. Vanhoose, B. F. Riley, J. J. Cloud.

On motion, Brethren (colored) Henry Clarke, Mike Smith, and Wm. Carter, representing Auburn (colored) Association, were recognized as visitors and invited to seats, as correspondents from that body.

#### TITHES.

The tithe is the tenth—God says, "And all the tithe (the tenth) of the land, of the seed of the land, of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's, it is holy (set apart) unto the Lord. And if a man will at all redeem of his tithes, he shall add the fifth part thereof, to it.—Num. 37-30 and 31. "Ye have robbed me of tithes."—Mat. 23-8. "Pay me that thou owest."—Matt. 18-23. Christian, how stands your account with the Lord?

On motion, Eld. Henry Clarke, Moderator of Auburn Association (colored), was invited to address the Association on the condition and interest of the colored Baptists in his Association. Elder Clarke responded in a short, but interesting, statement of the plans and needs of his people.

Speeches were made by Brethren Tichenor, Henderson, Vanhoose, and others. After which, on motion of Z. D. Roby, correspondents were appointed to the Auburn Association, to meet Friday before the first Lord's day in September, 1881. Messengers being (see list of correspondents.)

On motion, 10 o'clock, A. M., Saturday, was set apart as a special hour to hear the report on Missions.

Hours of meeting and adjournment fixed as follows: Of meeting,  $8\frac{1}{2}$  A. M., 2 P. M. and  $7\frac{1}{2}$  P. M.; Adjournment, 12 M.,  $4\frac{1}{2}$  P. M.

Chairman of committee on Sunday Schools and Missions being absent, the Moderator appointed Eld. J. J. Cloud to report on Sunday Schools, and Dr. I. T. Tichenor to report on Missions.

Committee on Preaching appointed D. W. Floyd, O. D. Cox, with pastor and delegates of Opelika Church.

Bro. G. E. Brewer requested permission to take up a collection to aid in building a church at Rock Spring, in Chambers county, Liberty Association. Amount collected, \$6 25.

Appointed committee to report on Deceased Ministers, G. D. Benton, J. W. Grimes.

On motion, the hour of 3 P. M., Saturday, was appointed as a special hour for the reading of the report on Education.

On motion, adjourned to  $7\frac{1}{2}$  P. M., for preaching Introductory Sermon. Prayer by Eld. Jno. F. Bledsoe.

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#### FRIDAY EVENING, $7\frac{1}{2}$ P. M.

Through the courtesy of Eld. G. D. Benton, the appointee, and by request, Rev. S. A. Goodwin, D. D., of Union Springs,

#### GIVING TO THE GOSPEL.

"He which soweth sparingly, shall reap also sparingly, and he which soweth bountifully, shall reap also bountifully." "Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give, not grudgingly or of necessity"—2d Cor. 9, 6 and 7. "The liberal soul shall be made fat, and he that watereth shall be watered also himself."

"For with the same measure ye mete it shall be measured to you again."—Luke 6-38.  
He who withholdeth from the Lord robbeth his own soul.

preached the Introductory Sermon from Matt.—“Learn of me.”

After the services, Dr. Tichenor read an interesting letter from Dr. Tupper, Corresponding Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, relative to the support of our missions in China and Japan, considering the advisability and propriety of this State adopting one of these particular missions as a field of support. Speeches were made by several brethren supporting the proposition, after which, on motion, adjourned.

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#### SATURDAY, 8½ O'CLOCK, A. M.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator, and after reading of Scripture and singing, Eld. J. O. Hixon led in prayer.

Letters from Girard and Seale Churches were read and delegates enrolled.

Report on Temperance called for and read, and after considerable discussion, adopted as follows:

#### REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

A strong temperance man has said: “Whiskey is a good thing in its place. There is nothing like whiskey in the world for preserving a man when he is dead; but it is one of the worst things in the world for preserving a man when he is living. If you want to keep a dead man, put him into whiskey; if you want to kill a living man put whiskey into him.”

Intemperance, as respects strong drink, is a curse to every interest of the human family. It blights the brightest prospects of men, whether those prospects pertain to their secular or spiritual interests. A physician who appears to be of note, after stating how alcohol may be properly used, says: “Beyond this, I hold it to be a most mischievous chemical, which destroys its tens of thousands a year, diffusing misery and vice in all directions. It engenders a constitutional condition of body, altogether unnatural, and does no mortal service in return for all the evil it originates, sustains and transmits from one generation to another.”

Intemperance is indeed a great evil, and it is rife in this, our Christian country. As an evidence of this fact, it is stated that in New York city alone last year there were 255 deaths directly due to drunkenness; 27,693 arrests for the same cause, and 8,658 licenses issued to keep up this destruction. The official records of Philadelphia assert that, for the last five years, there has been an annual increase of 365 liquor saloons, or one for every day in the year.—*Christian Herald and Signs of the Times*.

From the fact that 14,000 Church of England Churchmen have asked their Bishops in Parliament to restrict the liquor trade, it appears that this evil is

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#### CHRISTIAN WALK.

“If any man will come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.”—Matt. 16-24. “He that followeth me, shall not walk in the darkness but shall have the light of life.”—Jno. 8-12. “Be ye therefore followers of God as dear children and walk in love.”—Eph. 5-1 and 2. “We also should walk in newness of life.”—Rom. 6-4. “See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise.”—Eph. 5-15th.

also prevalent in that country. We suppose that an observing person need not go far to learn that this sin is strongly rooted in the bounds of our Association. Hence, we should feel especially interested in this subject and realize that there is a work for us to do. It is interesting and encouraging to know that others are awake to their duty on this momentous subject, and are at work to stay its ravages. Our own State denominational organ, during this year, has been crying aloud and sparing not against this enemy of all righteousness. Our State Convention is also beginning to awake to the importance of this subject, and from accounts that to a degree, both civil and ecclesiastical powers are setting up their banners in behalf of the cause of temperance.

We can but rejoice at the news of any efficient and effectual move toward the overthrow of this deadly evil. But the opinion of your committee is, that the great want of our time, is not so much a temperance lecturer, and a temperance organization here and there over our country, as it is truly active evangelical churches which shall say: "Judgment to the line, and righteousness to the plummet" on this subject. No organization, we think, will ever supplant the church of God, which is the ground and pillar of the truth, in breaking down this evil. She needs only to put on the whole armor of God to prove herself to be "Terrible as an army with banners" against this sin.

G. D. BENTON, Chairman.

The hour set apart for the discussion of the Mission question having arrived, the report on Missions was called for and read. After several interesting speeches, the report was adopted, as follows:

#### REPORT ON MISSIONS.

To argue the duty of giving the gospel to every creature is no longer a necessity. The main question before us is, how shall we most successfully prosecute this great work?

Our State Convention, at its last session, devised and adopted a plan which places the general direction of all our mission work in the hands of our State Mission Board. That Board, after due consideration of the wants of our various fields and the ability of our churches, has advised and requested them to raise the sum of about \$17,000 for all purposes. They have farther apportioned this sum among the various associations of the State, and requested each association in the State to endeavor to raise the amount suggested. The sum apportioned to us is a little less than one thousand dollars. One-half dollar per head from the membership of our churches will exceed the sum the State Board have proposed that we should contribute for all missionary purposes. We feel the fullest assurance that it needs only the cordial co-operation of our brethren and sisters to secure the amount asked for, without burdening a single member of any church more than this amount.

Surely every blood bought soul will feel it not too much to do this for the cause of the Master. We therefore recommend that this Association cordially approve of the suggestions made by the State Board, and that we use our best endeavors to secure from each of our churches not less than fifty cents per member.

At the recent meeting of the Liberty Association it was proposed that Bro. F. C. David should be sent as a missionary to the Valley of the Tennessee in North Alabama, to be sustained there jointly by the Liberty and Tuskegee Associations through the State Missionary Board.

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#### "CAN'T PRAY."

Do you try? Are you too busy? Is it because of want of desire, love, gratitude? Or is it shame, fear, carelessness? Can't you say, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner?" Dare you ask God "To teach you to pray?"



At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the two bodies, it was recommended this action to the two associations. The Liberty heartily endorsed this measure. Bro. David has visited the proposed field, and expressed his willingness to occupy it, if the brethren of this Association agree to co-operate with the Liberty in his support. We recommend the Association to unite with the brethren of the Liberty in this good work, and to raise for that purpose the sum of \$450. We further recommend that the churches apportion among themselves the amount which it is desired to raise within our bounds for all missionary purposes, and that the pastors and representatives here present, agree to endeavor to obtain from the brethren of their churches such amounts as they may think can be secured, but that in no case should it be less than fifty cents per member.

For some years past Alabama has done but little for foreign missions. Many brethren throughout the State have been saddened by such small contributions to this cause, and have earnestly desired to find some means of awakening among our people a deeper interest on this subject.

It has been suggested that the Baptists of this State should, through the Foreign Mission Board, undertake the support of a mission station in some foreign land. The amount required would be, say, from \$5,000 to \$7,000 at first, gradually increasing as the work enlarged, and the number of missionaries should be multiplied.

We recommend that this Association propose such a plan to the State Convention at its next meeting, and that three brethren be appointed by this body, who shall be charged with the duty of corresponding with brethren throughout the State and of bringing this subject to the attention our next Convention. And this Association hereby pledges to the Convention its hearty and cordial co-operation in sustaining such mission station as may be selected.

Respectfully submitted,

I. T. TICHENOR, Chairman.

The report of the Work of the Evangelist was read and adopted as follows, and ordered to be appended to the Report on Missions:

Your Evangelist begs leave to offer the following report of work done since your last Association: Sermons delivered, 225; Addresses, 82; Churches visited, 49; Sunday-schools organized, 31; Prayer meetings, 21; Preaching stations, 23; Churches in my field meeting every Sunday, 20; Deacons assisted in Ordaining, 8; Persons Baptized in connection with my labors, 39; Religious visits to families and others, 329; Amount collected on the field for State Missions, \$145 90; Subscribers secured to the Alabama Baptist, 9; Supplied three Churches with pastors; Miles traveled, 2,940.

Respectfully submitted,

F. C. DAVID, Evangelist.

A proposition being made to see what amount could probably be raised during the next year to carry on the proposed work in missions, the churches, through their pastors and delegates, promised to try to raise the amounts opposite their names, (see Financial Statistics), the whole amount approximating \$950.

On motion, adjourned to 3 o'clock, P. M.

#### PRESERVATION OF THE SAINTS.

"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me." And, I give unto them eternal life, and they shall never perish. Neither shall any man be able to pluck them out of my hand."—Jno. 10-27 and 28. "For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus."—Rom. 8-38 and 39.

SATURDAY, 3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Resumed session by prayer by Eld. M. B. Wharton.

Committee on preaching reported appointments for Sabbath as follows:

Baptist Church, 11 A. M., Eld. S. Henderson, D. D.; 7½ P. M., Eld. I. T. Tichenor, D. D.

Methodist Church, 11 A. M., Eld. M. B. Wharton, D. D.; 7½ P. M., Eld. J. O. Hixon.

Presbyterian Church, 11 A. M., Eld. C. S. Johnson; 4 P. M., Eld. Z. D. Roby, D. D.

Colored Baptist Church, 11 A. M., Eld. D. S. Duffee; 7½ P. M., Eld. J. J. Cloud.

The special hour for the consideration of the Report on Education having arrived, the report was read, and after an interesting discussion, was adopted.

#### REPORT ON EDUCATION.

To the friends of education it is a source of profound gratification to note the increasing facilities for intellectual advancement. Each succeeding year becomes the beneficiary of its predecessor in the reception of its accumulated elements of advancement; and thus are methods improved, and progress is being constantly made. Indeed, so multitudinous have become the institutions of learning of various grades, and so friendly are the masses to intellectual development, that no young man or woman can urge an excuse in extenuation of a failure to secure a liberal education. In a social system like ours, worth can abundantly assert itself, and it is always hailed with welcome, whether it emanate from the lowly cottage or the palatial homes. Our national history is abundant in illustration of the fact that men may emerge from stations quite obscure in life, and may take position in the van rank of usefulness and distinction. With a steady increase of facilities therefore, the way to extended usefulness is rendered less formidable. And it may be suggested that because of the fact already mentioned, the obligation is strengthened upon parents and guardians to educate those placed under their fostering care. One of the most favorable indications attaching to our educational system, and one, too, that is fraught with future significance, is the gradual disappearance of the idea, that scholastic training is to be restricted to those who are fitted for the learned professions, to the comparative or utter neglect of those whose dispositions lead them into pursuits more practical. Experience has revealed the fact that mental elevation in any pursuit lifts that pursuit upon a higher plane and broadens its capacity for usefulness, so that whatever vocation one adopts, he is the better fitted to enter it because of previous mental training. In regard to educational institutions, they abound throughout our prosperous Commonwealth, ranging in grade from the neighborhood school to the college and university. It is needless to add that all have their peculiar merits. But the institutions whose claims

#### MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

"Behold, I have given the children of Levi all the tenth in Israel for an inheritance, for their service which they serve, even the service of the tabernacle of the congregation."—Num. 18—21.

"Do ye not know that they which minister about holy things, live of the things of the temple? And they which wait at the altar are partakers with the altar? Even so hath the Lord ordained, that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel.—1 Cor., 9, 13 and 14.

The pastor of a church should be paid just as much as his *ability* and *diligence* would command in any other profession, or business.

What your preacher earns, is not a present, but his honest dues; don't insult him by calling it a *gift*.

are first to be considered by Baptists, are those owned by themselves, and conducted under their immediate auspices. Those of the highest grade belonging to the denomination in this State are Howard College and the Judson Female Institute, both of which are located at Marion, and whose facilities for advanced culture are second to none within the limits of Alabama. Unendowed as these institutions are, their existence must depend upon the patronage which they receive. And in the solicitation of this patronage, they do not compromise the position which they occupy as institutions of the highest grade. Another institution with which Alabama Baptists are vitally connected is the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Kentucky. It is gratifying that Alabama has never been delinquent in contributing to the sustenance of this institution in the darkest periods of its history. And now, that she is rapidly emerging from the wreck and ruin of a desolating war, it is expected that she will not prove laggard in the effort to place our Seminary upon the basis of a permanent and comprehensive endowment.

B. F. RILEY, Chairman.

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On motion, Dr. M. B. Wharton, Corresponding Secretary of the Seminary at Louisville, was requested to address the Association in behalf of the interests of the Seminary. After some statements of the condition and present needs of the Seminary, Dr. Wharton collected \$14 in cash, and received pledges of assistance amounting to \$800. Total, \$814.

On motion, the amount of cash in the hands of the Treasurer, for ministerial education, was ordered to be paid over to Brother R. A. Tillery, to assist him in preparing himself with books or schooling for the better service in the ministry.

The Report on Sunday Schools was read and adopted. After some intervening time the adoption of this report was reconsidered and ordered to be returned to the committee for correction, and through neglect the re-presentation of the report was passed by, and no further action being taken, the report remained in the hands of the committee.

The Clerk would report from the statistics furnished in the letters and from knowledge obtained from the delegates, an increased interest in the Sunday-School work. There are fourteen working Sunday-schools in connection with the churches composing the Association, besides several Union or Neighborhood Sunday-schools not directly under the auspices of the churches. Dr. Wharton, financial director of Kind Words, pressed upon the churches the duty of sustaining and adopting this interest of the Southern Baptist Convention, and friend of the children, as a part of the Sunday-school work.

Elders S. A. Goodwin and J. O. Hixon addressed the Association as messengers from the Centennial Association, requesting

#### CONSECRATION.

I beseech you, therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies, a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good and acceptable, and perfect will of God.—Rom. 12-1 and 2.

For all things are for your sakes, that the abundant grace might, through the thanksgiving of many, redound to the glory of God.—2d Cor. 4-15.

co-operation of the Tuskegee with the Centennial, in supporting a missionary within certain portions of the territory occupied by those two bodies.

A resolution was offered by Dr. I. T. Tichenor, and on motion, adopted, as follows:

*Resolved*, That this Association has heard with deep interest the proposition made by the Centennial Association; that we deeply sympathize with the object thus brought to our attention; and that it is hereby most respectfully referred to our Executive Committee with instruction that, if in their judgment, it be practicable, they unite with our brethren of the Centennial in the work of missions in the bounds of the two Associations.

On motion of W. E. Lloyd—

*Resolved*, That the time of holding the session of the Tuskegee Association be changed from Friday before the third Sabbath in October to the Friday before the first Sabbath in October of each year. Carried.

Adjourned with prayer by Eld. G. E. Brewer.

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SATURDAY, 7½ P. M.

Resumed business after prayer by Eld. E. Y. Vanhooose.

Report on Auditing read as follows:

Your Committee on Auditing have examined the Treasurer's report and vouchers and find them correct.

JNO. G. BUTLER,  
W. H. JOHNSTON,  
JNO. T. HEARD.

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#### REPORT ON DOCUMENTS AND STATE OF RELIGION

read and adopted:

The state of religion in our churches is not altogether such as we could desire. Most of the churches are only preserving their former state, both as to members and Christian activity. Some few, however, report considerable increase, and a few, some falling off in membership. We think, however, that there are indications of a more liberal spirit in most of the churches. If our pastors would present our benevolent enterprises more frequently and regularly to our churches we are convinced happy results would follow. We would also recommend the State Denominational paper, the Alabama Baptist, to a more general patronage among our churches, and to those who can afford to themselves and families a broader range of reading matter. We think the Christian Index is worthy of their patronage. The Alabama Department of the Index is still under the editorial charge of our brother, Samuel Henderson.

We would also recommend the general use of Kind Words in our Sunday-schools.

Respectfully submitted,

A. G. SIMPSON, Chairman.

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#### MISSIONS.

He that believeth on the Son of God hath everlasting life, and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abideth on him.—Jno. 3-36.

And how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach except they be sent?—Rom. 10-15 and 16. And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify, that it is he which was ordained to be judge of quick and dead.—Acts 10-42.

Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth shall be saved, and he that believeth not shall be damned.—Mark 16-15 and 16.

## 11.

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to make the following report:

\$385 70

E. W. SOLOMONS, Chairman.

Collected for State Missions on Sunday—

§35 65

Collected and paid over to Eld. David from subscriptions to move him to his new field, .....	\$55 00
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The Committee on Deceased Ministers report that there has been one death among our ministry during the past year in the person of our beloved brother, L. Taylor. Bro. Taylor was a good man and a devout preacher of the gospel. We recommend your sympathies and prayers in behalf of his bereaved family. In the meantime, brethren let us be sober and watch unto prayer, for we know not what hour our Lord doth come.

Respectfully submitted,

G. D. BENTON, } Com.  
T. W. GRIMES, }

Being informed that the prolonged illness of Bro. Taylor had necessarily depressed his family financially, a collection was taken up for their immediate need, amounting to \$20 65, which was immediately forwarded to the family.

adopted as follows:

GEO. W. DAWSON, Treasurer.

*In account with* TUSKEGEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

October 18, 1879.

DR.

**\$309 00**

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\$302 15

		\$881 15
Balance on hand, .....		\$6 85

Opelika, Ala., October 15, 1880.

G. W. DAWSON, Treasurer.

## NEXT PLACE OF MEETING.

The committee appointed to select place of meeting, &c., reported Auburn as the place of meeting, but on motion, CUBE-HATCHEE CHURCH was selected as the place to hold the next Association.

Eld. G. D. Benton was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon at the next Association. Eld. Benton was appointed last year to preach this Introductory this session, but giving way to Eld. S. A. Goodwin, Eld. Benton was re-appointed for next year.

## DISTRICT MEETING.

A committee, consisting of Elders W. E. Lloyd, B. F. Riley and Bro. J. C. Condon, was appointed to select the place for holding the next district meeting and arrange the programme and subjects for discussion. Meeting to convene Friday before the fifth Sabbath in January, 1881.

The programme and place of meeting will be made known in the Alabama Baptist.

## SUPERANNUATED AND INFIRM MINISTERS.

At the last meeting of this Association, your committee were appointed to submit a plan for the support and assistance of superannuated ministers and the destitute families of deceased ministers. But in as much as a committee was appointed at the last session of the State Convention to report at its next session, a plan for permanent organizations to provide for aged and infirm ministers, we deem it advisable to await the submission of this plan before we proceed to take action in the matter. And we suggest that a committee be appointed to report at the next Association a plan which shall be in harmony with the report of the committee of the Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. HUDMON, Chairman.

On motion, Brethren R. R. Varner, W. E. Hudmon, J. C. Condon and G. W. Dawson, were appointed as the committee to report at the next session of the Association some plan of definite action in carrying out the purpose set forth.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Elders Z. D. Roby, W. E. Lloyd, B. F. Riley, and Brothers G. W. Dawson and D. W. Floyd.

## STANDING COMMITTEES.

To report at the next session of the Association:

On Education, W. E. Lloyd; On Sunday Schools, R. R. Varner; On Missions, Z. D. Roby; On Temperance, E. Y. Vanhoose.

## EPITOME OF ELECTION.

God foreordained, from before the foundation of the world; that all who should come unto him, in obedience and love, through belief of the gospel, and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, drawn unto the Son, by the quickening of the spirit, and the testimony of the word, should, through the merit of the Son, be made heirs of heaven. Nor has the Father revealed any election to salvation, save through faith in Christ.

On motion, Dr. I. T. Tichenor, Dr. Z. D. Roby, and Rev. B. F. Riley, were appointed as a committee to confer with different brethren in the State in regard to putting a missionary in some foreign field, and to submit the matter to the next State Convention.

On motion, the printing of Minutes of the Association was turned over to the Clerk with all funds sent up for that purpose, and the Clerk directed to have a sufficient number of Minutes printed to supply the demand of the Churches, and to pay himself out of any funds on hand, or provide therefor, as he may deem advisable, by advertisements.

On motion of C. W. Buck—

*Resolved*, That we tender our thanks to the brethren and sisters of Opelika Church, and to the citizens of Opelika, for their hospitality and kind attention to us during the session of the Association. Also, to the churches of other denominations, and to the railroad companies for courtesies.

On motion, adjourned to meet at the close of the service Sabbath evening. Prayer by Eld. W. A. Whipple.

#### SUNDAY EVENING, 9 O'CLOCK.

After preaching by Rev. I. T. Tichenor, D. D., the Association was called to order.

It having been determined to send Bro. David to North Alabama as a missionary, it was thought necessary to provide for his transportation, and brethren who had pledged for his support were requested to advance their subscriptions for that purpose. The following brethren responded:

E. W. Solomon, I. T. Tichenor, Z. D. Roby, — McLemore, R. R.	
Varner, C. O. Melton, A. N. Adams, B. F. Riley, each paid \$5.....	\$40 00
G. W. Dawson .....	2 50
— Williams .....	2 00
C. W. Buck .....	50
W. E. Hudmon for Opelika Church.....	10 00
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	\$55 00

After giving the parting hand, Eld. Z. D. Roby led in prayer.

On motion, adjourned to meet with the Cubahatchee Church, Macon county, Alabama, on Friday before the first Sabbath in October, 1881.

C. W. BUCK,

Clerk of Tuskegee Association.

F. C. DAVID, Moderator.

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#### FOREIGN MISSION FACTS.

Modern Foreign Missions is only 100 years old. In that time the Bible has been translated into 226 languages; 148,000,000 copies of the Scripture have been given to the heathen. About 1,650,000 converts have been made to Christianity. Let God be glorified! And yet, how much have you invested there, dear reader?

## FINANCE TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Minutes.	Indian Missions.	Foreign Missions	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Total.	Pledges.
Auburn .....	1 80	.....	9 00	67 00	\$40 00	\$117 80	\$130 00
Brownville .....	2 50	.....	.....	6 40	.....	8 90	15 00
Concord, Macon county.....	1 50	.....	.....	5 00	.....	6 50	10 00
Crawford .....	2 00	.....	4 50	10 00	.....	16 50	10 00
County Line.....	2 00	1 00	50	10 00	.....	13 50	20 00
Concord, Lee county .....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	10 00
Damascus .....	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	.....
Elam .....	2 00	1 65	2 00	10 00	.....	15 55	10 00
Friendship .....	1 50	.....	5 00	6 00	.....	12 50	10 00
Girard.....	1 00	.....	.....	2 50	.....	3 50	10 00
Good Hope.....	2 75	.....	10 00	20 00	.....	32 75	20 00
Liberty.....	2 00	.....	.....	2 15	.....	4 15	20 00
Loachapoka .....	1 50	.....	.....	11 50	.....	13 00	15 00
LaPlace .....	1 75	.....	.....	15 00	.....	16 75	50 00
Mount Lebanon.....	2 00	2 25	3 00	14 50	.....	21 75	15 00
Notasulga .....	2 00	.....	.....	15 00	.....	17 00	15 00
Opelika.....	4 00	.....	.....	75 00	.....	79 00	200 00
Opelika Young Men's Association.....	.....	.....	12 00	.....	.....	12 00	.....
Pleasant Grove.....	1 25	.....	.....	2 65	.....	3 90	10 00
Philadelphia.....	2 00	.....	.....	10 00	.....	12 00	10 00
Rocky Mount.....	1 50	.....	.....	8 50	.....	10 00	20 00
Salem .....	2 00	1 50	.....	20 00	.....	23 50	25 00
Salem Sunday School.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	5 00	5 00
Society Hill.....	1 00	2 25	5 00	6 00	.....	14 25	15 00
Seale .....	2 00	5 60	5 00	15 00	.....	27 60	15 00
Shiloh.....	2 00	.....	6 30	.....	.....	8 30	10 00
Tuskegee.....	1 50	.....	31 90	59 60	15 20	108 20	104 00
Union Grove.....	2 00	.....	.....	15 00	.....	17 00	15 00
Providence .....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00
Chewakla.....	1 50	.....	2 75	6 35	.....	10 60	10 00
Cubehatchee.....	1 00	.....	.....	11 15	.....	12 15	15 00
Total .....	\$51 10	\$14 25	\$96 95	\$420 75	\$55 20	\$638 15	\$814 00

Chewakla Church for China Missions .....	\$ 1 50
Opelika Church to Baptist Publication Society.....	9 50
Collected on Sabbath for State Missions .....	34 65
Thos. Echols for State Missions.....	1 00
Paid Dr. David to move him to new field .....	55 00

Total.....\$101 65

Finance Total..... 638 15

Bro. Brewer collected for Church..... 6 25

Collected for Mrs. Taylor ..... 20 65 |

Collected by Bro. Wharton for the Institute, cash..... 14 00

Grand Total.....\$780 70

## TRUTH OR FICTION.

Is it not strange that Christians, with eternal truth to sustain them, are so careless and negligent in supporting and propagating their belief! While errorists are so free-handed and diligent in disseminating that which is false? Truth should be heavier than gold.

If you want your soul to starve and your religion to die, don't read your Bible much, or hold regular prayer; keep away from Sunday-schools and prayer meetings; neglect your church duties and mission work; pay nothing of the tithes you owe to God, to your pastor, or to missions, and you will find that you have certainly dug the grave of your spiritual joy.



## PLEDGES FOR MISSIONS CONTINUED.

Cubehatchee S. S.,.....	\$ 2 50	County Line S. S.,.....	\$5 00
Salem S. S.,.....	5 00	Mt. Lebanon S. S.,.....	2 00
Opelika S. S.,.....	10 00	Browneville S. S.,.....	5 00
Tuskegee S. S.,.....	10 00	Auburn S. S.,.....	5 00
G. Whitman.....	2 00	I. T. Tichenor paid.....	5 00
Judge Kellum.....	2 00	— McLemore paid.....	5 00
W. T. Thompson.....	1 00	— Taylor.....	5 00
H. R. Williams.....	2 00	C. O. Melton paid.....	5 00
Jno. J. Cloud paid.....	10 00	Z. D. Roby paid.....	5 00
Lester Cloud.....	5 00	Samuel Henderson.....	5 00
E. W. Solomon paid \$5.....	10 00	E. Adams.....	5 00
B. F. Riley paid.....	5 00	R. R. Varner paid.....	5 00
W. D. Kyle.....	5 00	Samuel Cloud.....	5 00
A. N. Adams paid \$2 50.....	5 00		
Total Pledges,.....		\$950 50.	

## LIST OF MINISTERS.

Z. D. Roby, D. D.,.....	Tuskegee, Ala.	J. S. Dill,.....	Auburn, Ala.
B. F. Riley, .....	Opelika, Ala.	F. C. David,.....	Huntsville, Ala.
K. Taylor,.....	Opelika, Ala.	C. W. Buck,.....	Columbus, Ga.
G. D. Benton,.....	Salem, Ala.	J. L. Revel, .....	Crawford, Ala.
W. E. Lloyd,.....	Auburn, Ala.	W. A. Whipple.....	Lively, Ala.
I. T. Tichenor, D. D.,.....	Auburn, Ala.	B. Cooper,.....	Lively, Ala.
E. Y. Vanhose,.....	Auburn, Ala.	Jno. J. Cloud, .....	LaPlace, Ala.

## LICENTIATES.

R. A. Tillery,.....	Mott's Mill, Ala.	W. T. Huguley,.....	Salem, Ala.
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## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

ELD. W. E. LLOYD,	ELD. Z. D. ROBY,
ELD. B. F. RILEY,	G. W. DAWSON,
D. W. FLOYD.	

## ORDER OF BUSINESS.

- 1.—Opening Service.
- 2.—Read Letters from Churches and enroll Delegates.
- 3.—Invite Ministers of our order to seats with us.
- 4.—Organize, by electing Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer.
- 5.—Call for Petitionary Letters.
- 6.—Receive Correspondents from Sister Associations.
- 7.—Appoint Committees on Preaching, Auditing, Documents and State of Religion, Finance, Missions, Sunday Schools, Education, Temperance and Deceased Ministers.
- 8.—Appoint Correspondence to Sister Associations.
- 9.—Appoint Delegates to State Convention.
- 10.—Hear Report of Executive Committee.
- 11.—Hear Report of any other Committee appointed last Session.
- 12.—Elect the "Executive Committee."
- 13.—Hear Reports from the several Committees appointed this session.
- 14.—Hear Treasurer's Report and Report of the Auditing Committee.
- 15.—Determine where the next Session of the Association will be held.
- 16.—Arrange for Printing of Minutes and Distribution.
- 17.—Miscellaneous Business.
- 18.—Closing Exercises.

# STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	POST-OFFICES.	BISHOPS OR PASTORS.	CLERKS.	Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd by Letter	Restored	Dismiss'd by Letter	Exclud'd	Dead.	Total.	Day of Meeting.	
Auburn .....	Auburn .....	J. S. Dill .....	W. B. Frazer .....	67	6	1	6	...	1	65	Reg	S S&P M
Opelika .....	Opelika .....	B. F. Riley .....	S. E. Milford .....	23	23	2	13	2	2	230	Reg	S S&P M
Loachapoka .....	Loachapoka .....	E. Y. Vanhoose .....	W. W. Bloodworth .....	...	7	...	7	1	1	54	2d	S S
Concord, Macon county .....	Notasulga .....	J. H. Norton .....	A. McKee .....	...	2	...	6	2	2	40	2d	S S
LaPlace .....	LaPlace .....	J. J. Cloud .....	S. C. Cloud .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	50	...	S S
Friendship .....	Hatchechubbee .....	G. D. Benton .....	L. C. Cooper .....	4	2	2	9	1	...	56	1	...
Tuskegee .....	Tuskegee .....	Z. D. Roby .....	Jno. F. Thompson .....	1	3	...	4	...	...	104	Reg	S S&P M
Good Hope .....	Uchee .....	G. D. Benton .....	T. J. Threadgill .....	2	...	...	4	...	2	96	3	S S
Philadelphia .....	Smith's Station .....	C. W. Buck .....	S. L. Mullen .....	...	2	...	10	1	1	45	2	...
Union Grove .....	Opelika .....	C. S. Johnson .....	A. M. Greene .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	60	2	...
Crawford .....	Crawford .....	G. D. Benton .....	L. Booker .....	2	...	...	5	1	2	47	2	...
Seale .....	Seale .....	E. Y. Vanhoose .....	C. L. Williams .....	...	3	...	2	1	2	54	4	...
Notasulga .....	Notasulga .....	J. H. Norton .....	H. H. Armstrong .....	...	1	...	4	3	1	52	...	S S
County Line .....	Salem .....	D. S. Duffee .....	N. Aldridge .....	...	1	...	2	...	...	38	2	S S
Elam .....	Auburn .....	W. E. Lloyd .....	Chas. Little .....	...	...	...	1	4	...	39	1	...
Concord, Lee county .....	Mott's Mill .....	D. S. Duffee .....	J. M. Harris .....	...	2	...	3	...	...	48	1	...
Liberty .....	Opelika .....	C. S. Johnson .....	R. B. Wright .....	10	9	1	2	5	...	61	1	...
Mt. Lebanon .....	Oswichee .....	W. D. Joiner .....	W. D. Stratford .....	2	2	...	3	...	1	81	3	S S
Chewakla .....	Opelika .....	W. E. Lloyd .....	J. F. Heard .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	28	2	...
Society Hill .....	Society Hill .....	E. Y. Vanhoose .....	J. W. Knowles .....	38	23	2	3	...	...	14	1	...
Brownville .....	Lively .....	W. A. Whipple .....	Jas. Fuller .....	...	...	...	11	5	3	241	Reg	S S&P M
Damascus .....	Lively .....	W. E. Lloyd .....	J. M. Allen .....	...	2	...	4	...	...	5	...	...
Rocky Mount .....	Mechanicsville .....	W. E. Lloyd .....	D. W. Floyd .....	...	1	...	7	1	4	40	4	...
Salem .....	Salem .....	G. D. Benton .....	G. W. Huguley .....	6	11	1	3	2	1	51	3	...
Shiloh .....	Crawford .....	C. W. Buck .....	F. B. Somercamp .....	2	17	4	15	8	2	82	4	...
Girard .....	Columbus, Ga., .....	J. L. Revel .....	D. W. Eckles .....	...	10	...	...	...	1	79	1&3	...
Pleasant Grove .....	Salem .....	J. J. Cloud .....	E. S. McWhorter .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	27	1	...
Cubehatchee .....	Cubehatchee .....	D. S. Duffee .....	J. W. Bayley .....	23	2	1	...	...	...	22	1	...
Providence .....	Salem .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	31	4	S S
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